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IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently amended) [[An]] A tensioning or guide rail assembly comprising [[a]] two metal bushings [[(1)]] which [[is]] are inserted into mounting holes of a plastic supporting body [[(3)]] for a tensioning rail [[(4)]] or a guiding rail [[(4)]] of a chain drive of an internal combustion engine and being that is adapted to be mounted by [[a]] screws extending through the bushings (1) to and axially contacting a motor housing [[(5)]], the bushings (1) comprises are identical and each comprise a rotationally symmetrical body and [[is]] are inserted into [[a]] the mounting holes of the supporting body [[(3)]] with an end section of the bushings facing the motor being provided with a circular step [[(10)]] for a transition to a reduced exterior diameter, the supporting body includes a step with a reduced interior diameter located in each of the mounting holes on a side of the supporting body facing the engine, by which the bushings are preassembled with the supporting body with the circular steps of the bushings [[is]] axially held to [[a]] the steps [[(11)]] in the supporting body provided with a reduced interior diameter, located inside the mounting hole of the supporting body (3).
- 2. (Currently amended) [[An]] <u>The</u> assembly according to claim 1, wherein the support body [[(3)]] with the mounting holes is surrounded by the guiding rail or tensioning rail [[(4)]] formed from plastic.
- 3. (Currently amended) [[An]] <u>The</u> assembly according to claim 1, wherein the bushing [[(1)]], is used at a tensioning rail [[(4)]], and inside <u>at least one of</u> the mounting holes a gap [[(12)]] is provided to allow pivoting of the support body [[(3)]] around a bushing axis.

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4. (Currently amended) [[An]] <u>The</u> assembly according to claim 1, wherein <u>at</u> <u>least one of</u> the mounting holes of the support body [[(3)]] is a reference bore [[(6)]] or a primary mounting hole.

- 5. (Currently amended) [[An]] <u>The</u> assembly according to claim 4, wherein <u>the</u> <u>other</u> a secondary mounting hole is provided and is formed as an oblong hole [[(7)]] in the supporting body [[(3)]] in addition to the reference bore [[(6)]].
- 6. (Currently amended) [[An]] <u>The</u> assembly according to claim 5, wherein a bead [[(14)]] is located on a wall region of the reference bore [[(6)]] and [[/or]] of the oblong bore [[(7)]], and is received in a circular groove <u>located in an outer surface</u> [[(13)]] of the inserted bushing [[(1)]].